Functioning of Indian Airlines

2844. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of instances of turbine bursts of Indian Airlines planes while take off during the last five years;

(b) what is the number of the airports (with names) in the country lacking instrument landing and navigational facilities;

(c) what is the number of Indian airlines planes of which insurance cover was raised (with amount) during 1989, 1990 and 1991 due to poor health of the aircrafts;

(d) what is the number of instances of overloading of the aircrafts that came to light during the last three years year-wise endangering the safety of the aircraft; and

(e) what measures have been taken by Government to improve the functioning and poor management of the Indian Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There have been 4 cases of turbine failure involving the aircraft of Indian Airlines during the last 5 years.

(b) Vital Radio/Navigational aids have been provided at airports where Indian Airlines/Vayudoot have been operating.

(c) The details of the aircraft insured along with the total insured value during the last 3 years are as per the statement (see below)

(d) Only one instance of overloading of aircraft in 1989 has come to the notice of Indian Airlines during the last 3 years.

(e) Indian Airlines has identified many important areas like punctuality of air services, courtesy and comfort of passengers, reservations, airport handling as also catering and have taken steps to improve services in these areas.

Statement

Details of Aircraft and Insured Values Insurance Year—October to September

	Type of Aircraft	1989-90*		1990-91		1991-92	
		No. of A/c	Ins. Value	No. of A/c	Ins. Value	No. of A/c	Ins. Value
		US DOLLARS IN MILLION UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED					
1.	*Airbus A-300*						
	(a) USD 60m each	2	120	2	120	2	120
	(b) USD 55m each	8	440	8	440	8	440
	(c) USD 20m each	1	20	1	20	1	20
2.	*Airbus A-320*						
	USD 50m each	19	950	18	900	18	900
3.	*Boeing 737*						
	(a) USD 20m each	17	340	17	340	16	320
	(b) USD 16.45m each	3	49.35	—	—	—	—
	(c) USD 15m each	5	75	3	45	3	45
	(d) USD 10.42m each	1	10.42	—	—	—	—
	(e) USD 10m each	4	40	4	40	4	40
4.	F-27	4	Rs. 25.5m	4	Rs. 25.5m	3	Rs. 30m
5.	HS-748	3	Rs. 30.0m	3	Rs. 30.0m	—	—
	Total JET FLEET	60.	USD	53	USD	52	USD
	Turbo Props	7	2044.77m	7	1905m	3	1885m
			Rs. 55.5m		Rs. 55.5m		Rs. 30m

*During this year, one Airbus A-320 aircraft and six B-737 aircraft were on lease from M/s. Airbus Industrie, France at a total insured value of USD 109.77 million.